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SUBJ: DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR US NAVY SHIP VISITS TO
NEW ZEALAND

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1. IN ACCORDANCE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE, EMBASSY ON
FEBRUARY 20, 1976 REQUESTED BLANKET DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE
FOR 1976 FOR US NAVY SHIP VISITS TO NEW ZEALAND. IN LIGHT
OF PRIME MINISTER MULDOON'S STATEMENTS ON NPW VISITS,
AMBASSADOR DECIDED TO DELETE USUAL PHRASE "OTHER THAN
NUCLEAR-POWERED VESSELS" IN EMBASSY'S REQUEST. HOWEVER,
PHRASE WAS INCLUDED IN MFA'S NOTE OF REPLY.

2. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR, WHO RECALLED
PM'S POLICY PRONOUNCEMENT REGARDING NPW VISITS, ACTING
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SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NORRISH AGREED TO REVISE

MINISTRY'S REPLY. NEW MFA NOTE, DATED MARCH 3, 1976,
CONTAINS REVISED FORMULATION AS FOLLOWS:

(COMPLIMENTARY OPENING)

".....HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT BLANKET
DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR THE YEAR 1976 FOR
ALL VISITS OF UNITED STATES NAVY SHIPS.....IT IS UNDER-
STOOD THAT, WHILE THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED
A NEW POLICY IN RESPECT OF NUCLEAR-POWERED WARSHIPS,
SPECIFIC CLEARANCE WILL BE SOUGHT FOR VISITS BY SUCH SHIPS."

FULL TEXT OF NOTE BEING POUCHED EA/ANP.

3. PROPOSAL FOR SPECIFIC VISIT SUGGESTED IN REFTEL A
AND FURTHER REFINED IN MULDOON/HABIB/SELDEN FEBRUARY 26
MEETING (REFTEL B) HAS NOW BEEN RECEIVED BY DAO.
DIPLOMATIC NOTE REQUESTING CLEARANCE FOR USS TRUXTON,
CGN-35, IS BEING SUBMITTED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, WITH
SUGGESTED DATES FOR VISIT OF AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 2 AND
SUITABLE PORT TO BE DESIGNATED.
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